Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The good health and general well-being of the people of South Dakota are strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a rare birth defect known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and,

Whereas, Children with CdLS are usually born with low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both mentally and physically, and possess other physical complications. Dedicated medical professionals are presently involved in valuable research and education activities to explore new possibilities and to offer hope; and,

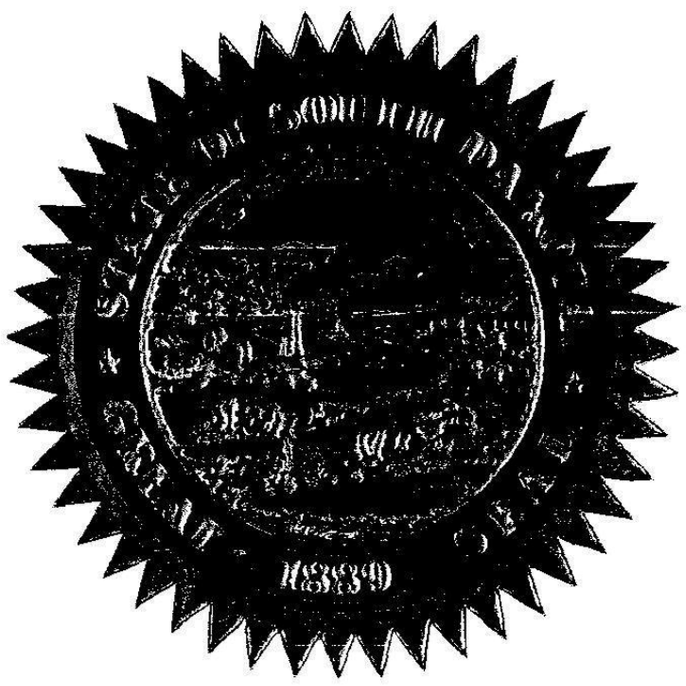
Whereas, A leading advocate and active voice in offering parental and family support while increasing public awareness about CdLS, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a non-profit family support organization whose mission is reaching out, providing help and giving hope; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is pleased to join people throughout our state in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of people with CdLS and their caregivers:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2005, as

CORNELIA DE LANGE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State